

**Meeting Minutes, West Warwick Charter Review Commission  
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 6:30PM  
Place: Town Hall, Managers Office  
1170 Main Street West Warwick, RI**

**A. Meeting called to order by Commission Chairman Henseler at 6:40PM**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call-**

**Members present:**

**Sean Henseler**

**Barbara Tabak**

**Brian Tucker**

**Frank Parente, Sr.**

**Mark Bourget**

**Felix Appolonia**

**Joseph Gardosik**

**Ronald Nunes**

**Member absent:**

**Giovanni Calise**

**D. Secretary determines a quorum is present. No audience present.**

**E. Motion to waive reading of May 16 meeting minutes by Mark Bourget. Second by Ronald Nunes. Motion carries by unanimous vote.**

**F. Motion to accept May 16 meeting minutes by Secretary Tucker. Second by Joseph Gardosik. Motion carries by unanimous vote.**

**G. Review by Secretary Tucker of meeting minutes compilation document.**

**H. Chairman Henseler review of old business- none.**

**I. Article 2201- No change at this time but Commission will revisit if there are not enough recommendations are made to Town Council.**

**J. Article 2208- Could the oath of office include the stipulation that a Council Member could not run for re-election if the Charter was not adhered to? Discussion ensued as to how this could be done and how and when would determination be made as to when the Charter was ignored.**

**K. Commission will revisit possibility of mayoral form of government at a future date.**

**L. Motion made by Chairman Henseler to change Article 307 to allow the town Council to remove the Town Manager or the Town Clerk by a simple majority vote instead of the current four vote system. Motion second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote and item will be added to the list of recommendations the Council.**

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**M. Article 401- Motion made by Chairman Henseler to have School Committee Members elected by ward, have a professional contract negotiator present at all negotiations and Committee Members will obtain training within one year of holding office. Motion second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote and item will be added to the list of recommendations to the Council.**

**N. Article 403B- Motion made by Secretary Tucker to require town to have a special election to replace a Council Member who resigns, is unable to fulfill office, etc. and has at least one year remains on time in office. If time is less than one year Council shall appoint a replacement from the same political party. Motion second by Ronald Nunes. Motion carries by unanimous vote and item will be added to the list of recommendations to the Council.**

**O. Article 1601- Commission will consider adding a requirement in the Charter to have a full time Town Planner and Human Resource Department head. This item will be considered again if Commission does not have the desired number of recommendations to the Council.**

**P. Motion made by Chairman Henseler to require all Boards and Commissions to file detailed quarterly reports to Town Council and to Town Manager. Motion second by Ronald Nunes. Motion carries by unanimous vote and this item will be added to the list of recommendations to the Council. Chairman Henseler will craft the language for this new article.**

**Q. Next meeting agenda- Will include further discussion of articles previously discussed to move forward as recommendations to the Town Council.**

**R. Motion to adjourn made by Secretary Tucker. Motion second by Ronald Nunes. Motion carries by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.**